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THREATENED, ENDANGERED AND CANDIDATE SPECIES IN MONTANA
Endangered Species Act

ENDANGERED (E) - Any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

THREATENED (T) - Any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

CANDIDATE (C) - Those taxa for which the Service has sufficient information on biological status and threats to propose to list them as threatened or endangered. We encourage their consideration in environmental planning and partnerships, however, none of the substantive or procedural provisions of the Act apply to candidate species.

NON-ESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION (XN) - A population of a listed species reintroduced into a specific area that receives more flexible management under the Act.

CRITICAL HABITAT (CH) - The specific areas (i) within the geographic area occupied by a species, at the time it is listed, on which are found those physical or biological features (I) essential to conserve the species and (II) that may require special management considerations or protection; and (ii) specific areas outside the geographic area occupied by the species at the time it is listed upon determination that such areas are essential to conserve the species.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS	RANGE - MONTANA
Black-footed Ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>	E/XN	Prairie dog complexes; Eastern Montana
Gray Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	E/XN	Forests; Western Montana
Whooping Crane	<i>Grus americana</i>	E	Wetlands; migrant eastern Montana
Least Tern	<i>Sterna antillarum</i>	E	Yellowstone, Missouri River sandbars, beaches; Eastern Montana
Pallid Sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>	E	Bottom dwelling; Missouri, Yellowstone Rivers
White Sturgeon (Kootenai River population)	<i>Acipenser transmontanus</i>	E	Bottom dwelling; Kootenai River

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Grizzly Bear	<i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>	T	Alpine/subalpine coniferous forest; Western Montana
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	T	Forested riparian; statewide
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	T CH	Missouri River sandbars, alkali beaches; northeastern Montana Alkali lakes in Sheridan County; riverine and reservoir shoreline in Garfield, McCone, Phillips, Richland, Roosevelt and Valley counties
Water Howellia	<i>Howellia aquatilis</i>	T	Wetlands; Swan Valley, Lake and Missoula Counties
Ute Ladies'-tresses	<i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i>	T	River meander wetlands; Jefferson, Madison, Beaverhead, Gallatin, Broadwater counties
Bull trout (Columbia River basin and St. Mary - Belly River populations)	<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>	T CH	Clark Fork, Flathead, Kootenai, St. Mary and Belly river basins; cold water rivers & lakes Portions of rivers, streams, lakes and reservoirs within Deer Lodge, Flathead, Glacier, Granite, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders counties
Canada lynx (contiguous U.S. population)	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	T CH	Western Montana - montane spruce/fir forest Portions of Flathead & Glacier counties
Spalding's Campion (or "catchfly")	<i>Silene spaldingii</i>	T	Upper Flathead River and Fisher River drainages; Tobacco Valley - open grasslands with rough fescue or bluebunch wheatgrass
Arctic grayling (fluvial population)	<i>Thymallus arcticus</i>	C	Big Hole River and other tributaries to upper Missouri River
Warm spring zaitzevian riffle beetle	<i>Zaitzevia thermae</i>	C	Gallatin County - warm springs
Slender (or linearleaf) moonwort	<i>Botrychium lineare</i>	C	Glacier, Lake Counties - meadows in conifer forests
Yellow-billed cuckoo (western population)	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	C	Population west of the Continental Divide; riparian areas with cottonwoods and willows